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SUBJ: RECENT MINISTERIAL SALARY INCREASE

1. DURING FAREWELL CALL ON DEPUTY LEADER OF
OPPOSITION MULDOON, HE GAVE HIS VIEWS ON LARGE
MID-MARCH PARLIAMENTARY SALARY RAISE WHICH ARE
RETROACTIVE TO APRIL ONE YEAR. FOLLOWING ARE MULDOON'S VIEWS:

2. INCREASE HAD TO BE IMPLEMENTED BEFORE MARCH
31 TO GET RETROACTIVE PAY. PM PROBABLY NOT AWARE OF
THIS UNTIL SHORTLY BEFORE MARCH 31. HIS PARTY QUITE
DEEPLY DIVIDED BETWEEN CONSERVATIVE CATHOLICS (E.G.,
MININTERIOR HENRY MAY) AND NON-RELIGIOUS LEFT-
WINGERS (E.G. MINISTER TIZARD). IT IS HARD FOR A PM
TO LEAD AN UNHAPPY CAUCUS WHO WANTED THE RAISE AND ARE
ALSO DIVIDED. ON THIS BASIS HE EVIDENTLY DECIDED TO
GO AHEAD FOR REASONS STATED ABOVE.

3. IT COULD NOT HAVE COME A WORSE TIME: A)
NZ WAGES ALREADY OUT OF CONTROL; B) FOL CONVENTION
COMING UP; AND C) ECONOMIC STABILIZATION REGULATIONS
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EXPIRING JUNE 30. GOVERNMENT'S EXAMPLE WILL WIPE

OUT GNZ'S ABILITY DAMPEN UNION REQUESTS FOR FURTHER
SALARY INCREASES.

4. MULDOON HAD RECENT RESERVE BANK FIGURES WHICH
SHOWED 2 1/2 PERCENT INFLATION FOR FIRST QUARTER.
PARLIAMENTARY RAISE WILL WEAKEN GNZ DEFENSE AGAINST
FAST MOVING INFLATION. COMMENT: EMBASSY CONCURS.
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